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SUBJ: UN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDOCHINA

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1. MISOFF INFORMED BY STEFFAN DE MISTURO OF SIR ROBER JACKSON'S OFFICE OF FOLLOWING. (DE MISTURO UNDER INSTRUCTIONS BY SIR ROBERT TO BE "OPEN" WITH USUN, PRESUMABLY UNLIKE OTHER MISSIONS WHERE INFORMATION IS DOLED OUT ON A SELECTIVE BASIS.)

2. IT ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO HOLD AN INFORMATION MEETING WITH INTERESTED MISSIONS WITH A VIEW TO SPELLING OUT IN SOME DETAIL WHAT UN HAS BEEN DOING IN INDOCHINA. THIS IDEA HAS NOW BEEN PUT TO ONE SIDE, FOLLOWING CAMBODIAN INCIDENT, ON GROUNDS SUCH A MEETING MIGHT BE A PLATFORM FOR ACRIMONIOUS STATEMENTS AND THE LIKE.

3. DONORS MEETING WHICH SIR ROBERT ONCE PLANNED, HAS ALSO BEEN PUT TO ONE SIDE, NOT ONLY FOR SAME REASON BUT ALSO
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BECAUSE PRG REQUEST TO UN ALONG WITH SEPARATE REQUESTS

TO UNICEF AND UNHCR (SEE REFTTEL) NOT OF A "MAGNITUDE" TO ELICIT LARGE-SCALE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT. DISCUSSIONS NOW BEING CONSIDERED TO SEND A UN MISSION TO SAIGON TO ASSIST VIETNAMESE IN THE PREPARATION OF A PROPER REQUEST, I.E. ONE THAT IS COMPLETE AND HAS A TIME FRAME, WITH UNICEF AND UNHCR IN THE MEANTIME RESPONDING TO THEIR SEPARATE LISTS. PRESUMPTION IS THAT SHOULD VIETNAMESE PREPARE A PROPER REQUEST THAT IT WOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY LARGE-SCALE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT. THIS ASSESSMENT, ACCORDING TO DE MISTURO, IS VIEW OF AUBRAC, WHO, AS SYG'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, RECENTLY ARRIVED NEW YORK. IT IS ALSO AUBRAC'S VIEW, ACCORDING TO DE MISTURO, THAT THE VIETNAMESE VERY MUCH WANT TO HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL UN PROGRAM BUT ARE UNCLEAR AS TO HOW TO PROCEED.

4. ANOTHER NEW FACTOR IN EQUATION IS ALGERIA, WHICH WILL HANDLE PRG MATTERS IN NEW YORK. MISOFF GIVEN IMPRESSION THAT SIR ROBERT'S OFFICE UNCLEAR AS TO HOW TO BRING ALGERIA INTO THE ACT.
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